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1. The Central Committee of the Austrian Communist Party has instructed KPOe headquarters in the provinces to follow the general line presented below in forthcoming propaganda activities:

In Korea, the war will be concluded on the basis of the Soviet peace offensive. As a result of the European Defense Community treaties, which were created by Eisenhower, the political center of gravity will be shifted from Asia to Europe. Every possible newspaper issue must refer to the fact that the US is rearming Germany (building airfields, etc.) and establishing a Gendarmerie army in Austria. The confiscation of land for the construction of occupation buildings and for troop training grounds should be played up.

2. KPOe functionaries on the province level interpret these instructions as emanating from Moscow and compare them with Soviet propaganda techniques used in Korea before the outbreak of the Korean War.

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